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SUBJECT: OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY: GUATEMALAN VIEWS

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1. FONMIN MOLINA INFORMED AMBASSADOR IN NOTE MAY 2GTHAT HE WILL HEAD GUATEMALAN DEL TO OASGA AND OTHER MEMBERS WILL BE AMBASSADOR EDUARDO CASTILLO, JULIO MERIDA, AND OSCAR FRENER FROM GUATEMALAN OAS MISSION; AMBASSADOR EDGAR SARCENO MORGAN, DIRECTOR OF GUATEMALAN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE; AND LIC. EDUARDO CABRERA PASSARELLI, SECRETARY OF THE BUREAU OF LEGAL AFFAIRS AND TREATIES, FONOFF. NO WIVES WILL ACCOMPANY. MOLINA PLANS DEPART GUATEMALA MAY 7 AND REMAIN IN WASHINGTON ABOUT ONE WEEK, BUT WILL STAY LONGER IF CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.

2. MOLINA'S NOTE SAID MOST IMPORTANT AGENDA ITEMS, WHICH HE WOULD WISH DISCUSS IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS ARE "ELECTION OF SECRETARY GENERAL AND OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL OF OAS; US TRADE ACT; AND REFORM OF OAS AND AMENDMENTS TO INTER-AMERICAN TREATY OF RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE." EMBOFF ON MAY 5 CONVEYED SUBSTANCE REF (B) TO DR. LUIS AYCINENA, DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AFFAIRS AND TREATIES AND TEMPORARILY ACTING FONMIN. AYCINENA'S PERSONAL REACTION WAS AGREEMENT THAT THERE NO NEED TO DELAY RIO TREATY AMENDMENTS AND THAT SPECIAL DRAFTING CONFERENCE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE PROCEDURE. HE PROMISED

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INFORM FONMIN ON HIS RETURN.

3. GOG CLEARLY MOST INTERESTED IN ELECTION OF TWO TOP POSTS, PARTICULARLY SINCE GUATEMALAN (JORGE ZELAYA) IS CANDIDATE FOR ASYG JOB. AYCINENA SAID SO FAR ZELAYA WAS UNOPPOSED AND GUATEMALA HOPEFUL HE WILL REMAIN SO. AYCINENA VOLUNTEERED THAT SYG RACE REMAINED STATIC, WITH NEITHER PARAGUAYNA OR DOMINICAN HAVING SUFFICIENT VOTES TO WIN. ARGENTINE AND PERUVIAN HAD BEEN MENTIONED AS COMPROMISE CANDIDATES, BUT HE DID NOT THINK PERUVIAN "WAS MAN WHO COULD UNIFY OAS." GOG HAD EVEN BEEN URGED TO PUT ZELAYA FORWARD AS CANDIDATE FOR TOP JOB, BUT IT HAD DECIDED THAT INVOLVED TOO MUCH RISK OF WINDING UP WITH NEITHER POST. IN ANY EVENT IT APPEARED LIKELY THAT NO CHANGE IN SITUATION WOULD OCCUR UNTIL AFTER FIRST BALLOT.

4. AYCINENA SAID LITTLE HAD BEEN HEARD RECENTLY ABOUT US TRADE ACT AND FUROR APPEARED TO HAVE DIED DOWN. HE LEFT IMPRESSION THAT GUATEMALA'S INTEREST IN DISCUSSING IT PRIVATELY WOULD BE PRIMARILY DIRECTED TO GETTING IT DISPOSED OF AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

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